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SUBJ: HUMANITARIAN HELP - ICRC CABLE

1. FOLLOWING IS MESSAGE FROM ICRC REPRESENTATIVE LAURENT MARTI. I AM MEETING HOEFLIGER LATER THIS MORNING:

2. QUOTE: HAVE LEFT BEIRUT JUST BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL. REGRET WAS UNABLE TO MEET YOU. MR. HOEFLIGER WILL INFORM YOU ICRC ACTIVITIES OUTLINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. ICRC DEVELOPING ITS ACTIVITIES IN THREE DIRECTIONS REACHING ALL VICTIMS IRRESPECTIVE TO WHICH PARTY THEY BELONG.

A. WOUNDED: FIELD HOSPITAL SET UP BY ICRC BEGINNING FEBRUARY IN AREA SOUTH OF BEIRUT CONTAINING SEVERAL THOUSAND DISPLACED PERSONS. ALL WOUNDED MAY ENJOY TREATMENT PROVIDED BY MEDICAL TEAM SPECIALIZED IN WAR SURGERY. HOSPITAL ALSO USED AS DISPENSARY. 2200 WOUNDED OR SICK PERSONS CARED FOR TO DATE. FURTHERMORE ICRC RECEIVED DAILY REQUESTS FROM LEBANESE HOSPITALS WHICH URGENTLY REQUIRED MEDICAMENTS. ICRC HAS SENT ALREADY SEVERAL CONSIGNMENTS AND MORE WILL BE DISPATCHED. VOLUME OF REQUESTS SWELLING EVERY DAY.

B. VILLAGES CUT OFF: BECAUSE OF EVENTS THROUGHOUT LEBANON MANY VILLAGES HAVE BEEN CUT OFF FROM OTHER TOWNS OWING TO COMPLETE LACK OF SECURITY ON ROADS. MEDICAL TEAMS REQUESTED TO CARE FOR WOUNDED AND SICK.

C. DISPLACED PERSONS: NUMEROUS APPEALS FOR AID FOR THIS CATEGORY PERSONS RECEIVED BY ICRC. FOOD AND BLANKETS. ICRC HAS SENT SEVERAL CONSIGNMENTS. MORE ARE PLANNED IF IT IS GIVEN MEANS TO DO SO.

II. COST OF OPERATION:

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A. RELIEF ACTION TO BEGINNING OF MARCH, ABOUT 5 MILLION

SWISS FRANCS.

B. MONTHLY FIXED EXPENSES IN SWISS FRANCS:

1. FIELD HOSPITAL: 400,000
2. MEDICAL TEAMS FOR CUT-OFF VILLAGES: 250,000
3. OPERATIONAL EXPENSES: 210,000
4. TOTAL: 860,000

C. ESTIMATED COST FOR NEXT 6 MONTHS: 5,160,000

D. VALUE OF RELIEF SUPPLIES REQUESTED BY LEBANON: 3,000,000

E. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST FROM OCT. 75 TO SEPT. 76: 13,160,000

F. CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED: 2,000,000

G. BALANCE TO MEET: 11,000,000 END QUOTE.

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